Works Workshop Committee appointed in 1926 also recommended the appointment of a qualified mechanical engineer for the workshop, and the Government accepted this recommendation.

(b) (1) One Junior Superintendent of the Madras Engineering Workshops Service on a scale of pay of Rs. 375—50—525—50/2—575—50—625—50/2—675—50—975. The present pay of the holder of the post is Rs. 525 per mensem.

(2) One Foreman-Superintendent on Rs. 200—20—300.

(3) Four clerks on Rs. 35—60 or 60—80 grade.

(4) Two temporary draughtsmen on Rs. 60 each per mensem for three months every year.

(5) Two head maistris on Rs. 50—100 each per mensem.

Information as to the actual salaries drawn by the present incumbents of the posts under items (2) to (5) above is not available and has been called for.

(c) The losses on the working of the shops during 1930–31 and 1931–32 were Rs. 5,146 and Rs. 5,447 respectively. Information as regards the financial result of the working of the shops during 1932–33 is not yet available.

Local Self-Government

Proposals for the abolition of taluk boards.

* 345 *Q.*—Mr. K. A. Nachiyappa Gounder: Will the hon. the Minister for Local Self-Government be pleased to state—

(a) whether there are any proposals to abolish the taluk boards altogether; and

(b) if so, what they are and at what stage they are; and to whom the functions of taluk boards are to be entrusted?

A.—(a) & (b) The attention of the hon. Member is invited to the answer to question No. 279.

Proposal of the Vice-President in charge of the Namakkal Taluk Board to hold the election of a President.

* 346 *Q.*—Mr. K. A. Nachiyappa Gounder: Will the hon. the Minister for Local Self-Government be pleased to state—

(a) whether the Vice-President in charge of the Namakkal Taluk Board has asked the Government for permission to hold the President's election after the members' elections have been held for two vacant seats in that taluk board;

(b) on which date that correspondence was made;

(c) when that paper reached the Government from the President, District Board;

(d) the reasons for the delay;